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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A method on a computer for providing critical chain-based project management across a plurality of projects, comprising:

generating a plurality of project plans having a critical chain, each of the plurality of project plans corresponding to one of the plurality of projects, wherein a project comprises at least one task;

generating buffers for each of the plurality of projects, wherein at least one of the buffers generated is placed on the critical chain;

reconciling project resources among the plurality of projects so as to accommodate the critical chain; and

executing the plurality of project plans; —————

continuously providing status information about the buffers to a user; and

allowing the user , including allowing a user to manage the buffers across the plurality of projects based on the status information about the buffers.

2. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the executing step of continuously providing further comprises:

executing the plurality of project plans, including providing to the user information associated with buffers for the plurality of projects, so as to evaluate the status of the plurality of projects,

continuously providing status information about the buffers to a user via a network interface.

3. (currently amended) The method of claim 2, wherein the executing step

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further comprising comprises:

executing the plurality of project plans, including continuously modifying providing to the user task prioritization for any task of the plurality of projects based on the status information about the buffers, wherein task prioritization is calculated across the plurality of projects.

4. (currently amended) The method of claim 3, further comprising at least one of:

allowing the user to manage, over a network interface, the buffers across the plurality of projects;

providing to the user, over a network interface, information associated with buffers for the plurality of projects; and

providing to the user, over a network interface, the task prioritization for any task of the plurality of projects that was modified based on the status information about the buffers.

5. (currently amended) A method on a computer for providing critical chain-based project management across a plurality of projects, comprising:

generating a plurality of project plans having a critical chain, each of the plurality of project plans corresponding to one of the plurality of projects, wherein a project comprises at least one task;

generating buffers for each of the plurality of projects, wherein at least one of the buffers generated is placed on the critical chain;

reconciling project resources among the plurality of projects so as to accommodate the critical chain; and

executing the plurality of project plans;

continuously providing status information about the buffers to a user;

allowing the user to manage the buffers across the plurality of projects based on the status information about the buffers; and

continuously modifying, including providing to a user task prioritization

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for any task of the plurality of projects based on the status information about the buffers, wherein task prioritization is calculated across the plurality of projects.

6. (currently amended) The method of claim 5, wherein the executing step of continuously providing further comprises:

~~executing the plurality of project plans, including allowing a user to manage the buffers across the plurality of projects~~

continuously providing status information about the buffers to a user via a network interface.

7. (currently amended) The method of claim 6, wherein the executing step of allowing further comprises:

~~executing the plurality of project plans, including providing to the user information associated with buffers for the plurality of projects, so as to evaluate the status of the plurality of projects~~

allowing the user to manage the buffers across the plurality of projects based on the status information about the buffers, wherein the user utilizes a web page to manage the buffers.

8. (currently amended) The method of claim 7, further comprising at least one of:

providing to the user, over a network interface, the task prioritization for any task of the plurality of projects that was modified based on the status information about the buffers;

allowing the user to manage, over a network interface, the buffers across the plurality of projects; and

providing to the user, over a network interface, information associated with buffers for the plurality of projects.

9. (currently amended) A server computer system for providing critical

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chain-based project management across a plurality of projects, the server comprising a memory storage device including computers instructions for:

a client module for generating a plurality of project plans having a critical chain, each of the plurality of project plans corresponding to one of the plurality of projects, wherein a project comprises at least one task;

a buffer module for generating buffers for each of the plurality of projects, wherein at least one of the buffers generated is placed on the critical chain;

a reconciliation module for reconciling project resources among the plurality of projects so as to accommodate the critical chain; and

an execution module for executing the plurality of project plans;

continuously providing status information about the buffers to a user; and

providing the user with , comprising an interface for allowing a the user to manage the buffers across the plurality of projects based on the status information about the buffers.

10. (currently amended) The server computer system of claim 9, wherein the instructions for continuously providing further comprise instructions for:

continuously providing status information about the buffers to the user via a network interface

interface further provides to the user information associated with buffers for the plurality of projects, so as to evaluate the status of the plurality of projects.

11. (currently amended) The server computer system of claim 10, further comprising computer instructions for:

continuously modifying wherein the interface further provides to the user task prioritization for any task of the plurality of projects based on the status information about the buffers, wherein task prioritization is calculated across the plurality of projects.

12. (currently amended) The server computer system of claim 11, wherein

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~~the each~~ interface is provided over a network, such as a WAN.

13. (currently amended) A server computersystem for providing critical chain-based project management across a plurality of projects, the server comprising a memory storage device including computers instructions for:

a client module for generating a plurality of project plans having a critical chain, each of the plurality of project plans corresponding to one of the plurality of projects, wherein a project comprises at least one task;

a buffer module for generating buffers for each of the plurality of projects, wherein at least one of the buffers generated is placed on the critical chain;

a reconciliation module for reconciling project resources among the plurality of projects so as to accommodate the critical chain; and

a execution module for executing the plurality of project plans;

continuously providing status information about the buffers to a user;

allowing the user to manage the buffers across the plurality of projects based on the status information about the buffers; and

continuously modifying , comprising an interface for providing to a user task prioritization for any task of the plurality of projects based on the status information about the buffers, wherein task prioritization is calculated across the plurality of projects.

14. (currently amended) The server computersystem of claim 13, wherein the instructions for allowing further comprise instructions for:

providing an interface to the user that further allows the a user to manage the buffers across the plurality of projects based on the status information about the buffers.

15. (currently amended) The server computersystem of claim 14, wherein the interface further provides to the user information associated with buffers for the plurality of projects, so as to evaluate the status of the plurality of projects.

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16. (currently amended) The server computer system of claim 15, wherein the interface is provided over a network, such as a WAN.

17. (currently amended) A computer readable medium memory storage device including computer instructions for providing critical chain-based project management across a plurality of projects, the computer instructions including instructions for:

generating a plurality of project plans having a critical chain, each of the plurality of project plans corresponding to one of the plurality of projects, wherein a project comprises at least one task;

generating buffers for each of the plurality of projects, wherein at least one of the buffers generated is placed on the critical chain;

reconciling project resources among the plurality of projects so as to accommodate the critical chain; and

executing the plurality of project plans;

continuously providing status information about the buffers to a user;

providing an interface to the user for ,including allowing the a user to manage the buffers across the plurality of projects based on the status information about the buffers; and

continuously modifying task prioritization for any task of the plurality of projects based on the status information about the buffers, wherein task prioritization is calculated across the plurality of projects.

18. (currently amended) The computer readable medium memory storage device of claim 17, wherein the instructions for executing further comprise:

executing the plurality of project plans, including providing to the user information associated with buffers for the plurality of projects, so as to evaluate the status of the plurality of projects interface is a network interface.

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19. (currently amended) The ~~computer readable medium memory storage device~~ of claim 18, wherein the instructions for executing further comprise comprising instructions for:

providing the user with an interface for executing the plurality of project plans, including providing to the user task prioritization for any task of the plurality of projects based on the status information about the buffers, wherein task prioritization is calculated across the plurality of projects.

20. (currently amended) The ~~computer readable medium memory storage device~~ of claim 19, further comprising at least one of the following computer instructions for:

wherein the interface for providing to the user task prioritization is a network interface

allowing the user to manage, over a network interface, the buffers across the plurality of projects;

providing to the user, over a network interface, information associated with buffers for the plurality of projects; and

providing to the user, over a network interface, task prioritization for any task of the plurality of projects.